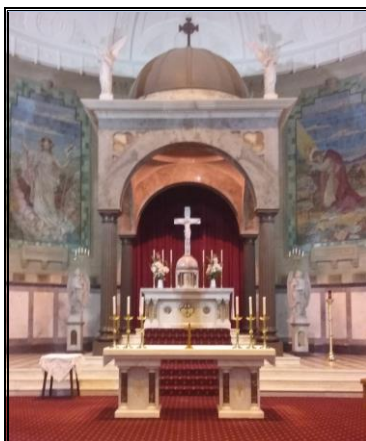


# PARISH OF ASCOT VALE

## ST MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

ST MARY'S CHURCH, 123 ST LEONARDS ROAD, ASCOT VALE  
ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, BARB STREET, MARIBYRNONG



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### Weekend Mass Times

#### Saturday Vigil:

6.00pm St Mary’s

#### Sunday:

8.30am St Margaret’s

10.30am St Mary’s

6.00pm St Mary’s (Spanish)

### Weekday Mass Times

**Mon** 10.00am St Mary’s

**Tue** 9.00am St Mary’s

**Wed** 9.00am St Mary’s

7.00pm St Mary’s

**Thu** 9.00am St Mary’s

**Fri** 9.15am St Mary’s

**Sat** 9.30am St Mary’s

### Reconciliation

#### (Confession)

#### Saturday

10.00–10.30am St Mary’s

5.30–5.45pm St Mary’s

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Tue** 9.30–10.30am St Mary’s

**Sat** 10.00–11.00am St Mary’s

### Baptisms at St Mary’s

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at 12:00 noon.

Baptism Information Sessions are held in St Mary’s Church at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Parents desiring the baptism of their child must attend one of these sessions. **There will not be a baptism information in November.**

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4 February 2024

*“You are rewarded not according to your work or your time but according to the measure of your love.” St. Catherine of Siena*

### **ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – 10/11 FEBRUARY 2024**

**Parish Counters: T Peters, B Loke**

Ministers of the Word			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
Time	St Mary’s	St Margaret’s	St Mary’s	St Margaret’s
6.00 pm	D Brennan		P Bonnici	
8.30 am		N Vaz		R Turnbull
10.30 am	A Fogarty		M Andronaco	

**Entrance Antiphon:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Feast Days:**  
**5 February:** St Agatha  
**6 February:** St Paul Miki  
**10 February:** St Scholastica

**Readings Next Week:** **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### **RCIA To Re-Start (new process in 2024)**

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process is, first and foremost, for those who are seeking and enquiring in connection with the faith of the Church. It is also open to the participation of regular parishioners experiencing it as a journey, too. They are supportive of the facilitators of the process. Thus, it may be that from these supporters they may, though not necessarily, take on the role of sponsor.

The resumption of the RCIA in St. Mary’s Parish will occur on Wednesday, 28th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

For all queries, please contact the parish office via email at [ascotvale@cam.org.au](mailto:ascotvale@cam.org.au)

### **Lent begins on Wednesday, 14 February 2024**

#### **Parish Mass Times for Ash Wednesday**

**9:15 am St Margaret’s** (with school; all welcome)

**11:45 am St Mary’s** (with school; all welcome)

**7:00 pm St Mary’s**

*Please note: No 9.00am Mass at St Mary’s*

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 1800 305 330, Mon – Fri, 10am – 3pm**

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4,6-7

*A reading from the book of Job*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than  
pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?  
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.  
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'  
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'  
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.  
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have  
passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

*The word of the Lord.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146

**R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due. (R.)

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. (R.)

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

### SECOND READING

1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I

made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

*The word of the Lord.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

